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1. [redacted]
2. [redacted] it was snowing and visibility was bad. In Riga it snowed and the temperature was a few degrees below freezing; visibility was bad. [redacted] there was a light fog. [redacted]
3. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
freighter of about 3,000 tons [redacted] entering the harbor. The freighter had a number of cranes aboard as deck cargo. [redacted] outside the Daugava estuary [redacted] a minesweeper [redacted] It 50X1-HUM
differed from other minesweepers observed. It had the following markings on the funnel from top to bottom: white ring, red ring, green ring, red ring, green ring, red ring. The sweeping gear which normally is fore was aft. It had a cannon fore and one aft and anti-aircraft guns were observed on the deck. The funnel was high and the vessel had a tripod mast. 50X1-HUM
4. Vessels in the harbor included:
- a. A training or depot ship of about 8,000 tons, straight bow, rounded stern flush deck, high straight funnel aft of the bridge, two tall masts with heavy yards, barrel-like object on the first mast, numerous anti-aircraft batteries all over the vessel. Larger guns were not observed.
- b. A destroyer with a cruiser bow; straight stern; two wide funnels with black smoke caps, located respectively directly aft of the bridge and one-

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third of the way from the stern; two tripod masts, the first one tall and located aft of the bridge; the second one low and located directly in front of the second funnel; one cannon on the fore deck; one cannon on the superstructure; one cannon aft of the superstructure; radar scanner on the bridge.

c. Three escort vessels of unstated type.

d. A minesweeper [redacted]

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5. On land, in the southern part of the harbor, there was a long row of approximately 25 to 30 small vessels. Among these [redacted] approximately five or six MTB's of the same type [redacted] modern, fast, with a cockpit and a hull built like a racer. The other vessels appeared to be small landing craft, 50X1-HUM since the bow was square. At the entrance to the harbor there were four MTB's. [redacted]

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6. On the eastern bank of the river half-way between the export harbor and the estuary there was a large palace-like building with a large radar antenna. [redacted]

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7. [redacted] the Soviet freighter Sukhona, 50X1-HUM unloading cargo contained in sacks. The vessel had gun platforms but no cannon. [redacted] a liberty ship which was unloading piece goods. She was named Stalinabad, Murmansk. This vessel also had gun platforms but no guns. A lighter on the outside of the ship was receiving cargo in sacks from the vessel. In front of the Stalinabad there was a lighter containing parts of a crane and some railroad materiel such as tracks and locomotive boilers. 50X1-HUM

8. On the pier there were a large number of bricks and some oil drums. [redacted] the drums were marked "Deuofa Fredrikstad Margarit".

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9. In the northern part of the harbor there were seven or eight large cranes and a large coal depot.

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10. [redacted] The atmosphere was typical of Sunday, and there were many people out walking. [redacted] the dramatic theater was showing a play [redacted] the pictures [redacted] a number of soldiers in brown coats with purple shoulder boards. In a number of military trucks [redacted] similar uniforms and shoulder boards. A great number of soldiers [redacted] had brown uniforms with blue shoulder boards and a silver-like airplane propellor. [redacted] the price for a pair of ordinary black shoes was 350 (type of currency not specified - presumably Latvian).

11. There was very little air activity, probably as a result of the bad weather. [redacted] four twin-engined transport planes landing at the airport.

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